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Dear Mr. August,

I appreciate your taking the time and your sending me a copy of your letter to the NYTimes. It is an excellent letter and that is surprising because most of the books you have been able to read are in varying degrees faulted.

Please excuse my typing. I'm 81, unwell, and it cannot be better.

Case Open is about a quarter of what I wrote. As you probably observed, it was rushed and that shows. But it is this factually sound: in about two months I have heard not a word from Posner, Random House or any lawyer speaking for either. Not only is there no legitimate criticism they can make, they know they can depend on the media not to embarrass them. In part that is because in doing that the media would be criticizing itself. To the best of my knowledge, there has been but a single sentence in a book-review editors column in the S.F. Chronicle that mentioned my book.

I had hoped to get some public discussion going but as of today aside from no newspaper mention, only one talk show has aired me. In part this is from my health, perhaps, because I should not do any after 5 p.m. Years ago I used to do a number of Boston shows by phone.

If it appeals to you and would give you no problem, I wonder if needling your Globe could provoke it into saying something. As you may recall, of all the many versions of the David Lui story the longest sent me was the Globe's. I enclose a copy. Posner really plagiarized this and attributed it to computer enhancement. I wrote the book in such a rush I forgot to include that Rosemary does not look in the direction Posner and Lui said. When she stops and looks it is not up at all and is a bit to the west. This is quite visible in any videotape of the Zapruder film. So Posner not only plagiarized, and not only that, he cribbed a mistake! Computer enchancement indeed! Posner enhancement!

If you ever want to learn more about the fact-and my work is limited to the official fact that was ignored, misrepresented or both -of the single-bullet theory you will find it in the last two chapters of my first book, the first of the Whiteash series, dating to 1965, and in Post Mortem, of a decade later. I carry that forward enormously in NEVER AGAIN! which a publisher has agreed to do but has been sitting on for a year and a half.

A few things on it (SBT) that may interest you: no bullet went through the short collar and the tie knot; no bullet entered Connally's thigh; and no metal can be seen to be missing from the base than the FBI removed, which was greatly in excess of what was needed for the tests it did. The damage to the shirt front and tie were from a scalpel (pictures in Post Mortem) it was a sliver that entered the thigh and remains there, as Perry himself told me; and when I deposed several FBI Lab agents in FOIA lawsuits, they had no weights of other than the bullet as received in the lab. Pictures of that base and of

the fact that the curbstone was patched before it was dug up and "tested" are among the others in Post Mortem.

I am sorry that travel is potentially dangerous for me so I cannot offer to go to Oriole's Park at Camden Yards (where I pulled guard duty as an MP in world war II) when you are there, if the travelling secretary ever has any free time on the road, to answer any questions you may have. Thus I've not been to the new park that everyone raves about. I'm near it on four trips to Johns Hopkins each year but never when there is a ~~xxxxxxx~~ day game. And I depend on others for transportation, so I do not delay them.

People do care. You are part of the majority by far. And increasingly many go out of their way to tell me how young they are or that they were not even born when JFK was assassinated. Three days ago I heard from a boy of 15 who said of JFK, "He left us something." People care also about the government not doing what it should have. That also I carry much forward in NEVER AGAIN! But you are the first who identified himself as a baseball executive. As a octogenarian Orioles fans we appreciate that, too!

If you are ever with some free time in Baltimore or have occasion to take in a Frederick Keys game and would like to see the extent of the archive and work that will forever be a permanent, free archive, you'll be more than welcome. It will be at local Hood College, a fine small one, when I can no longer use them and make them available to others here. I do give all, even a Judenrat like Posner, free and unsupervised access to all that and to our copier. (Also to students if you ever know one ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ who needs a thesis. One is working on an honors paper here right now.) If you should want to come we are less than an hour and a half from the Orioles Park and the best way, contrary to the road signs, is not via the beltway to I70W.

On the single-bullet theory I have the rough draft of a long article now being retyped titled "Senator Russell Dissents." It was actually him and Senator Cooper, both Commission Members. Russell encouraged my work until the day he died. I go into that a little in Whitewash IV. And both refused to sign the Report as originally written over the single-bullet theory. Tragically, they understood the fact so little that they did not realize it remained in the Report and was basic to it as that part was re-written. I have this from the files of both members. And after I put into Russell's hands the official proof that the record he thought he was making for history was memory-holed, he never spoke to LBJ again.

Thanks for taking the time. And for caring about our country, which is what it really is.

Best wishes,

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